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SUBJ: CIVAIR - EASTERN AIRLINES CONCERN OVER ENGINE
SPARE PARTS

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1. WORKERS AT THREE ROLLS-ROYCE PLANTS IN SCOTLAND
VOTED TO ACCEPT WAGE SETTLEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT ON
NOV. 15 THUS ENDING A FOUR-WEEK STRIKE WHICH HAD
THREATENED SUPPLY OF PARTS FOR NEW RB-211 ENGINE PRO-
DUCTION AND SPARES FOR RB-211 AND OTHER ROLLS-ROYCE
AIRCRAFT ENGINES IN USE WITH BRITISH AND FOREIGN AIR-
LINES.

2. ROLLS-ROYCE CAME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM FROM GOVERN-
MENT FOR THE WAGE SETTLEMENT BECAUSE IT VIOLATES ONE OF
PROVISIONS OF SO-CALLED SOCIAL CONTRACT WHICH HOLDS,
INTER ALIA, THAT THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BE-
TWEEN WAGE INCREASES. (PREVIOUS PAY INCREASE HAD GONE
INTO EFFECT ABOUT 7 MONTHS AGO.) COMPANY, HOWEVER, MAIN-
TAINS THAT ITS COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND ITS COMMITMENTS
TO CUSTOMERS, PARTICULARLY FOREIGN AIRLINE OPERATORS OF
RB-211 ENGINES REQUIRED AN EARLY SETTLEMENT WITH WORKERS.
THERE IS ALREADY SOME CONCERN BEING EXPRESSED, HOWEVER,
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THAT THIS SETTLEMENT MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE CARRIED

THROUGH TO ROLLS-ROYCE WORKERS AT ITS OTHER PLANTS.

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